

REMARKSRestriction Requirement

Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group II, i.e. claims 8 to 16, for prosecution in this application. As result, claims 1 to 7 (Group I) and claims 17 to 21 (Group III) have been withdrawn. (Note that the Office Action indicated that Group II contained claims 8 to 15, each directed to a composition. Claim 16, also directed to a composition, was not mentioned. Applicants believe that claim 16 should also be part of Group II, and have assumed that that was the intent of the restriction requirement.)

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.56

In fulfilling the duty of candor and good faith, the following documents are hereby disclosed to the Patent Office in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56. It is not admitted that the information in the listed documents is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b). The Examiner is requested to consider the documents in the examination of this application.

Accompanying this statement is a Form PTO-1449 in duplicate on which the documents are listed. The Examiner is requested to return an initialed and signed copy of the form once the documents have been considered.

The following documents were cited by the European Patent Office in the International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/US01/43435 which is a counterpart for this application. The one document cited was cited in category "A" as a document "defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance". A copy of the Search Report is attached.

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| International | WO 95/23417 | E.I. DuPont de Nemours | A |

The following documents are referred to in the specification.

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| U.S. Patent Application No. 09/587,229 (Nyberg et al.), filed June 2, 2000 (counterpart of International Publication No. WO 00/74075). |

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A copy of each of these documents is attached.

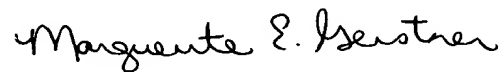
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Applicant believes that because this Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing of a first action on the merits (a restriction requirement not being considered an action on the merits), no fee is due. If this is incorrect, please charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 18-0560.

Conclusion

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action at an early date is earnestly requested. If, however, there are any outstanding issues which can be usefully discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

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